



**MCC**<sup>®</sup>

METROPOLITAN  
COMMUNITY CHURCH  
OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY

**Sunday, June 29, 2014**  
**3rd Pentecost**

# **Maintaining Dignity in an Undignified World, Part III**

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**The Mission of MCCLV is to call all people to a holy life in  
Christ, changing lives and transforming the world**

## **MCC LEHIGH VALLEY ORDER OF SERVICE**

As you prepare for worship, take a few moments to reflect on the current state of your relationship with God. Is the communication channel completely open and free of any cross-traffic that might interfere with your ability to hear from God? What do you need to let go of, so that you may let God take control? Close your eyes, take a deep breath and let worship begin for you...

**Opening Song**

**Call to Worship**

**Invitation to Ministry**

**A Time of Praise (3 Songs)**

**Prayer Preparation Song**

**Prayer**

**Scripture Reading**

**Children's Blessing**

**Message**

**Song of Response**

**Offering**

**Offering Song**

**Communion**

**Communion Song**

**Prayer Over Gifts**

**Closing Song**

**Commission & Blessing**

## NOTES FROM THE MCCLV

# office

**Administrative Assistant Paula Merkel**

**Office Hours:**

Monday: 8am-2pm

Tues-Thurs: 8am-1pm

Fri: 8am-12 noon

**Looking for low-cost space for you birthday party or family celebration? Consider MCCLV's Fellowship Hall for your gathering!** Contact Administrative Assistant Paula Merkel at 610-709-8800 or e-mail [office@mcclv.org](mailto:office@mcclv.org) for more information.

**Space Reservation:** Any individual or group wishing to schedule a meeting or event at the church **is required to fill out a space reservation form**. Write to [office@mcclv.org](mailto:office@mcclv.org) more information.

### **Sunday Bulletin & Announcements**

The deadline for all bulletin notices & announcements is **Wednesday at noon** – email to [office@mcclv.org](mailto:office@mcclv.org)

**Audio-Visual Support:** Anyone planning an event at MCCLV **is required to see Music & Worship Director Brian Jones** in advance to arrange any needed AV support. The church may not be able to honor last minute requests.



### **MCCLV IS ON FACEBOOK!**

Search **MCC Lehigh Valley**. All MCCLV related posts and tags will be approved through the office.  
Thank you for your cooperation!

### **\*\*\*Forge is Growing\*\*\***

God is doing wonderful things at MCCLV! Some of the many blessings given to our community in recent years is the spiritual growth, care and fellowship that is evidenced in our small FORGE groups. For some time now we have been exploring the possibility of beginning a Spanish-speaking FORGE group. In order to proceed with this possibility, the FORGE ministry is asking that if you have an interest in participating in such a group that you contact ministry coordinator, Robby Schotter at [robby.schotter@mcclv.org](mailto:robby.schotter@mcclv.org) and make him aware of your interest. In addition, if you know someone who might be interested please pass the word!



Dios está haciendo cosas maravillosas en MCCLV! Algunas de las muchas bendiciones de nuestra comunidad en los últimos años es el crecimiento espiritual, la atención y la amistad que se evidencia en nuestro pequeño Forjar grupos. Desde hace algún tiempo hemos estado estudiando la posibilidad de comenzar a forjar grupo habla español. Con el fin de continuar con esta posibilidad, la forja ministerio pide que si usted tiene un interés en participar en el grupo que se ponga en contacto con coordinador del ministerio, Robby Schotter at [robby.schotter@mcclv.org](mailto:robby.schotter@mcclv.org) y tome conciencia de su interés. Además, si usted conoce a alguien que pueda estar interesado, por favor pasar la voz!astor

## **LIFE LESSONS SEMINARS CONTINUE!!**

MCCLV is presenting LIFE LESSON Seminars. We never know what challenges life will bring — these seminars will prepare you for many of them.

Here is the schedule by date for the presentations:

July 6th    Tips on being a long term care giver/  
              Navigating the Health Care System  
July 13th - Emotional Health  
July 20th - Emotional Health  
July 27th - Dealing with Loss  
Aug 3rd - Financial Planning  
Aug 10th - Alternate Gender Presentation  
Aug 17th - Alternate Gender Panel Discussion

***So Much Life! So Much to Learn!!  
Bring a Friend!!!***



For more information, see Barb Baus or  
email Karl Steiner, [karl.steiner@mcclv.org](mailto:karl.steiner@mcclv.org).

## **A QUOTE FOR YOUR WEEK**

**We make a living by what we get,  
but we make a life by what we give.**

**(Winston Churchill)**



## Church-Share Meeting July 14

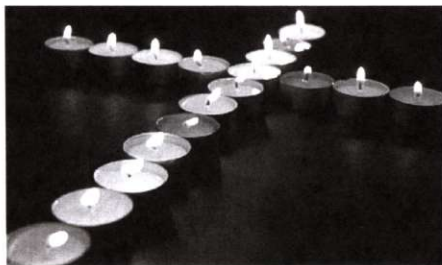
MCCLV is looking at creative ways to move forward as a congregation, as well as share resources in a tight economy. One possibility for MCCLV is to share space with other churches in the Lehigh Valley. Are you gifted at sharing? Are you good with change, transitions & negotiations? Do you communicate positively? Then come to the Church-Share Meeting! There are a



lot of intricacies involved in two congregations sharing space and there are certainly blessings also. Come to the initial Church-Share Meeting on Monday, July 14 at 7:00pm. For more information, contact Rev. Goudy at [rev.goudy@mcclv.org](mailto:rev.goudy@mcclv.org) or phone 610-709-8800.

In June & July, MCCLV hosts Centering Prayer at 6pm on Wednesdays in the church's Prayer Room.

All are welcome to participate.



## Do You Want to Help Feed Hungry People?



MCCLV's annual Free Market fresh food outreach to the neighborhood comes up in September. Barb Baus is serving as coordinator of this effort that feeds a hungry corner of Allentown with fresh fruits and vegetables. Stay tuned for more details!

**Serve God and MCCLV as Media & Marketing Coordinator!**  
For more information email [rev.goudy@mcclv.org](mailto:rev.goudy@mcclv.org)

## **ASSIST YOUR CHURCH with its annual Pride Festival participation**

Do you enjoy big festivals and  
meeting new people?

Do you love telling people about  
the great things happening at  
MCCLV?



To learn more about how to be a part of the  
special day, contact MCCLV's Pride Festival  
Coordinator Gavin Neese at:  
[neese10@gmail.com](mailto:neese10@gmail.com)

### **Yard Sale Fundraiser Saturday July, 19, 2014**

All proceeds are for the MCCLV Food Pantry to help with  
materials needed for set up and supplement supplies



See Barb Baus for more information and  
to sign up to help.

## **Wednesday Evenings at MCCLV - Adult Bible Study -**

During the months of June & July, MCCLV hosts an in-depth study of Paul's Letters. The studies are led by Rev. Goudy and people from all levels of Biblical background are invited to take part. The 1 Corinthians study is titled "*A Conflicted Church*" and the 2 Corinthians study is titled "*A Conflicted Church, Continued.*"

### **Schedule:**

**July 2 @ 7:00pm:**

1 Corinthians 11-16

**July 9 @ 7:00pm:**

2 Corinthians 1-7:4

**July 16 @ 7pm:**

2 Corinthians 7:5-13



**\*\*\*Save The Date\*\*\***

## ***Saturday November 8, 2014*** **Tricky Tray Basket Fundraiser**



**Committee Meets:  
4th Wednesdays  
May through October  
MCCLV's Children's  
Sunday School Room**

See Sue Carpenter for more  
details or email her at:  
[sue.carpenter@voya.com](mailto:sue.carpenter@voya.com)



## \*\*\*Retirees Gatherings Changing\*\*\*

Retirees meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday in  
**MCCLV's Fellowship Hall**  
9:30 to 11:00am

Come and share comradery with  
similarly blessed retirees!



For more information, contact  
Karl Steiner, [karl.steiner@mcclv.org](mailto:karl.steiner@mcclv.org) or  
Elaine Ely, [pastor\\_elaine@yahoo.com](mailto:pastor_elaine@yahoo.com)



## \*\*\*Save The Date\*\*\*

**July 26, 2014**  
**7pm**

**Final Freedom To Marry Event followed by  
an Ice Cream Social**



An opportunity for a free legal  
ceremony. Stay tuned for more  
details



Do you desire to serve God as part of  
the worship service here at MCCLV?  
The church seeks individuals  
interested in serving as Ushers,  
Acolytes, Blessers as well as Tech  
Squad and Altar Guild. See Music  
and Worship Director Brian Jones or  
email [brian.jones@mcclv.org](mailto:brian.jones@mcclv.org) for



## Fundraising Committee Meeting Scheduled

The Fundraising Committee will meet following worship on **Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:15pm**. The goal of this meeting is to brainstorm ideas for fundraising and generating alternate sources of income for MCCLV. Questions, please talk to Sue Carpenter or-email [sue.carpenter@voya.com](mailto:sue.carpenter@voya.com)



## What is your G.I.F.T?

Join in on **Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm** for the first monthly meeting of MCCLV's Young Women's Group – **G.I.F.T – Growing in Faith Together!** Through faith, fellowship, social outings and community service, G.I.F.T enables women between the ages of 20 – 39 to share all the good and wonderful things God has blessed them with! G.I.F.T meetings will be filled with awesome experiences, new friends and a commitment for all to develop a strong connection with our faith! For morning information, please contact Barb Colvin at [bjc7500@yahoo.com](mailto:bjc7500@yahoo.com)



*God is our refuge and strength,  
an ever-present help in trouble.*

*Psalms 46:1*

## Children's Sunday School

MCCLV is excited to announce the official "kick off" of the 2014-2015 Sunday School year! The Sunday school year will officially launch on Sunday, September 14, 2014. If you have, or know of, school age children (within the age range from Kindergarten to Sixth Grade) who would benefit from this essential, spiritually formative ministry of the church please consider enrolling them. MCCLV's team of talented teachers are excited and feel privileged to provide the church's children with life forming, positive spiritual experiences! Classes begin at 9:00am every Sunday morning at MCCLV. For more information please contact children's ministry coordinator Sue Carpenter at [sue.carpenter@voya.com](mailto:sue.carpenter@voya.com).



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## Adult Spiritual Formation Forums

In addition, the Sunday morning Sunday school hour is not just for children. The Adult Spiritual Formation ministry is thrilled to be offering adult forums throughout the year. Sunday morning Adult forums begin at 9:00am as well, so, after dropping the children off in Sunday school, come be a part of the exciting and provocative discussions pertinent to the spiritual formation of adults and the life of the church. For more information please contact Robby Schotter at [robby.schotter@mcclv.org](mailto:robby.schotter@mcclv.org). Your ministry leaders are excited and humbled to be a part of the spiritual journeys of MCCLV's families!



MCC Lehigh Valley's B.A.S.I.C. Presents:  
"Singing With the Saints!"



Enjoy a free evening of  
fun and fellowship  
through song with  
MCC Lehigh Valley's  
"Brothers and Sisters  
In Christ"

**Saturday July 19<sup>th</sup> 6:00PM**

**MCC of the Spirit:**

2973 Jefferson Street, Harrisburg,  
Pennsylvania 17110





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**June 17, 2014**

**Melinda Kohn**  
**Allentown/Eastern PA PFLAG**  
**(Parents, Families, Friends and Allies United with LGBT People)**  
**Macungie, PA 18062**

**Dear Melinda,**

**I am writing to express our deepest thanks for your recent donation. Generous gifts from donors like you provide the financial and moral support needed to continue our mission.**

**The congregation appreciates PFLAG's congratulations and well wishes on 30 wonderful years.**

**MCCLV is grateful for PFLAG's long-time advocacy and is always happy to partner with you on activities and events.**

**Again, thank you.**

**Sincerely,**

**Rev. Elizabeth Goudy**  
**Pastor, MCCLV**



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**June 19, 2014**

**Elizabeth Bradbury & Patricia Sullivan**  
**427½ North 9<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Allentown, PA 18102**

**Dear Liz and Trish,**

I am writing to share with you the church's heartiest congratulations for the recent announcement of the Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center. What a fitting name for the center, a testimony to your tireless work on behalf of the LGBT community.

Under better financial circumstances, the church would joyfully make a significant donation to the center. For the present time, MCCLV offers its best wishes to you during this exciting time.

**Sincerely,**

**Rev. Elizabeth Goudy**  
**Pastor, MCCLV**

## Help Out MCCLV's Pastor

Do you enjoy reading novels in a variety of genres? Your help is needed! Pastor Elizabeth Goudy will have a rough draft of her book prepared following her sabbatical months August-September, 2014. A group is needed to read through the manuscript in October, 2014. This is a short-term activity but will require a high level of commitment and focus. If you are willing to serve in this capacity, talk with the pastor following worship or contact [rev.goudy@mcclv.org](mailto:rev.goudy@mcclv.org). Also if you have experience with the publishing industry or using a literary agent, see the Pastor.



### MCCLV IS ON YOUTUBE!

To view and subscribe to our channel go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search **MCC LV**.

## FELLOWSHIP

*Great News!!* -- Cheryl Wenhold and Ashley Richard are the new co-chairpersons of MCCLV's Fellowship Ministry! Praise God for their willingness to share their time, talent and treasure in this important leadership role. Cheryl and Ashley will be assessing all aspects of fellowship at MCCLV and developing a Fellowship Plan for the rest of 2014 and 2015. If you have any ideas or would like to help with fellowship events, please see Ashley or Cheryl.



## MCCLV SOFTBALL: CALLING ALL PLAYERS

**TODAY** from 2pm-4pm at Dieruff High School 815 N. Irving Street Allentown, PA 18109

Bring your glove, water and sunscreen.  
Can't wait to play catch with you!

### T-Shirt Sale



We **DO** Speak Love Louder at MCCLV, so support MCCLV while you share the message.

To keep shirts as affordable as possible this style will be available in white only with "At MCCLV We Speak Love Louder" on the front and the MCCLV logo on the back.

**Orders will be taken through July 31, 2014.**

Sizes S-XL will be \$15  
(add \$1.00 per X for larger sizes).

Orders can also be placed by  
calling Elaine at (215) 915-4370 or  
email at [outgayrev@yahoo.com](mailto:outgayrev@yahoo.com)



### Raise Funds For People Living With HIV/AIDS

The HIV/Positive Living Group at MCCLV will be coordinating the church's participation in the annual FACT Games, an event that raises funds for people living with HIV/AIDS. The event includes fun games like a pie-eating contest and relay races. The Games will take place on **August 24, 2014.**





## **Policy & Procedure Committee**

All strong organizations run smoothly with clear policies and procedures in place. Do you have a heart for ensuring the safety the church's children? Do you believe in the benefits of Direct Dealing? Would you like to help equip MCCLV with the proper tools to be the place God is calling the church to be?

Meets 4th Sundays

For more information, please see

**Lauren Sheldon**

laureneshedon@gmail.com or

**Emma Marrero**

emma.marrero@kidspeace.org



## **Beginner Ball Room Dance Lessons**

**Where: MCCLV's Fellowship Hall**

**When: Friday July 11, 2014 - Friday August 22, 2014**

**Time: 7:00pm-9:00pm**



Dances include:

- Fox Trot
- Waltz
- Cha Cha
- Swing
- Polka

\*\*\*\*Sign-Up Sheet in  
Fellowship Hall\*\*\*\*

*All are welcome you do not need a partner*

Contact: Ed Robinson - (610) 703-7223

Loreli Bauer - (267) 421-4436 or email

lorelibauer@aol.com



## **UPCOMING WORSHIP AT MCCLV**

### **4th Pentecost: July 6, 2014 @ 10:30am**

Scripture Readings: Ephesians 2:19-22 & Philippians 3:17-21

Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy

Sermon Title: **"The USA is Not a Christian Nation"**

### **5th Pentecost: July 13, 2014 @10:30am**

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:19-27

Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy

Sermon Title: **"Run the Race"**

### **6th Pentecost: July 20, 2014 @ 10:30am**

Scriptures Readings: Exodus 24:12-18 & Isaiah 40:9

Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy

Sermon Title: **"Hike The Mountain"**

### **7th Pentecost: July 27, 2014 @ 10:30am**

Scripture Reading: Psalm 104:24-35

Preaching Rev. Elizabeth Goudy

Sermon Title: **"Sail the Sea"**

### **8th Pentecost: August 3, 2014 @ 10:30am**

Scripture Reading: Exodus 31:12-17

Preaching: Rev. Jen Glass

Sermon Title: **"What A Sabbatical Is (And Isn't)"**

### **9th Pentecost: August 10, 2014 @ 10:30am**

Scripture Readings: Luke 6:27-36 & 18:18-30

Preaching: Randy D'Angelo

Sermon Title: **"Anything But That"**

## **Today's Scripture Reading:**

### **Luke 18:9-14**

Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 'Two people went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing alone, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was grieving and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this one went home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

## **MCCLV's Weekly 2014 Budgeted for Giving is \$3,916.98**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Giving</b>
6/22/2014	115	\$8,029.99
6/15/2014	107	\$3,481.72
6/8/2014	101	\$1,808.51
6/1/2014	97	\$2,671.81

Full financial reporting is provided at the Board meeting on the 2nd Sunday of every month. All are welcome to attend. Additionally, reports may be viewed in the Board binder in the Library.

### **MCCLV MINISTRY COORDINATORS**

#### **Congregational Care & Health:**

**Karl Steiner | [karl.steiner@mcclv.org](mailto:karl.steiner@mcclv.org)**

20s30s Ministry, Faith Community Nurse, Hospitality,  
Prayer Team and Reconciliation & Affirmation Ministry

#### **Spiritual Formation:**

**Robert Schotter | [robby.schotter@mcclv.org](mailto:robby.schotter@mcclv.org)**

Small Group Discipleship, Spiritual Growth Programming  
and Children & Youth Ministry

#### **Outreach & Justice:**

**Barb Baus | [barb.baus@mcclv.org](mailto:barb.baus@mcclv.org)**

Evangelism, Free Market, Silent Witness, Food Pantry and  
Helping Hands Ministry

#### **Media & Marketing:**

**See Rev. Goudy for more information**

Communications and Marketing Ministry

#### **Denominational Representatives:**

Lay Delegates Hope Hilby and Normana Schaaf

### **MCCLV BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Sue Carpenter, Jim Harbst, Diana LaTorre,

Emma Marrero, Lauren Sheldon and Ron Smith

**If you would like an item included on the Board agenda  
see any Board Member**

### **MCCLV DEACONS**

Loreli Bauer, Maricel Concepcion, Clarence Freed, Hope Hilby,  
Jessica Mitchell, Normana Schaaf, Karl Steiner and Carol Stevens

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